

Dream Homes Community Center

To: Mayor Mark Boughton and the Common Council

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Re: September 2011 Monthly Report

cc: ARC Executive Director, ARC Board of Directors, and
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I. Program Synopsis

Per the proposal endorsed by Mayor Boughton and the Common Council, Dream Homes Community Center (DHCC) was established at ARC to serve as the Point of Entry for people who are homeless or low-income renters and to facilitate first time home ownership for people with hard to serve backgrounds.

II. Homelessness Prevention & Rapid Re-Housing Program

In 2009 ARC secured a grant which is bringing **\$205,632 to the Danbury area**, over 3 years, through the stimulus program called “Homeless Prevention and Rapid Re-housing” (**HPRP**): to help end and prevent homelessness for the people of Danbury by providing financial assistance through *security deposits, rental assistance, motel vouchers, and moving or storage costs*.

Since October 2009, we have provided a total of **\$36,540** in grants to end homelessness for **14 individuals** and **11 families** and **\$70,065** in grants to prevent homelessness for **32 individuals** and **31 families**.

In September 2011, we provided **\$5,350** in HPRP grants to 5 families and 2 individuals. Some of the financial highlights of the HPRP grants that were awarded this month:

Re-Housing:

- **\$800 Security Deposit** – for a chronically homeless veteran living in a transitional housing program, to secure permanent supportive housing
- **\$900 Security Deposit** – for a chronically homeless veteran living in a tent to secure permanent support housing
- **\$950 Security Deposit** – for a single mother and her child to secure permanent housing after living in a hotel
- **\$450 Rent Subsidy** – to help a family who had moved out of a domestic violence shelter continue to maintain their rent while the mother finishes a nursing degree.

Homelessness Prevention:

- **\$700 Security Deposit** – to secure more affordable housing for a family facing eviction after the father lost his job
- **\$850 Security Deposit** – to secure housing for a single woman and her child whose current housing had numerous health and safety hazards
- **\$700 Security Deposit** – to secure adequate housing for a single mother and two children to secure new housing after their apartment was sold

III. Point of Entry

From July 1, 2011 until September 26, 2011, DHCC has provided services to **191 people (127 people in families with children and 64 adults without children)** through the Point of Entry at ARC. The following is a breakdown of people served, by towns within the Greater Danbury Area:

Town	July 2009 – June 2010	July 2010 – June 2011	July 1 – September 23, 2011
Danbury	552	535	115
Bethel	61	39	2
Brookfield	9	38	7
New Fairfield	22	25	8
New Milford	67	81	32
Newtown	11	17	1
Redding	3	6	0
Ridgefield	12	9	0
Sherman	3	6	0
Other Towns	15	78	26
Total	737	834	191

IV. Program Highlights

Heather's Story (*names have been changed*)

Heather and her son were renting an apartment in Danbury through the Section 8 Housing Choice voucher program. They had been in their home almost one year. The apartment was badly in need of repairs and had failed two housing safety inspections. The landlord was not addressing the repairs, so the family needed to find new, safe housing.

Heather would be able to transfer her Section 8 voucher. However, her only income is from Social Security Disability, so she would not be able to pay for a security deposit on her own. Heather found out about the Association of Religious Communities, Inc (**ARC**) and their housing advocacy program, Dream Homes Community Center, from the ARC website (www.arcforpeace.org). She contacted the program and found out she was eligible for help with a security deposit to secure a new apartment.

Heather met with ARC's Homeless and Housing Advocate to apply for the Homeless Prevention and Re-Housing Program (**HPRP**) at the beginning of September. She had submitted a request for an apartment and would need one month's rent for a security deposit (**\$1,400**). Her application was reviewing by the HPRP screening committee, and approved for **\$850** (approximately 60%).

ARC's Homeless and Housing Advocate met with Heather and her new landlord to discuss the balance of the security deposit -- \$550. Together, they decided on a payment plan for the balance of the deposit: \$100 per month until the balance was paid off, about 5 months. The landlord agreed to the payment plan and allowed Heather to move in on September 15th. ARC provided the family with an "ARC Angel" Welcome Basket, filled with cleaning and personal care items – a value of \$150. Heather and her son are thriving in their new home, secure in the fact they have safe housing.

V. **HMIS Report** – Dream Homes September 1 - 23, 2011

Entry/Exit Report

Report Options:

Provider

☐ This provider AND its children. ☒ This provider ONLY.

Entry/Exit Type

Operating Year Date Range

to (mm/dd/yyyy)

Legal Adult Age

(as defined by foster care law in your state)

Or

*** The numbers generated by this HUD report may not be valid for Federal funding purposes unless the report is run by an Agency Administrator or Executive Director.**

2. Persons Served during the operating year.	Number of Singles Not in Families	Number of Adults in Families	Number of Children in Families	Number of Families
a. Number on the first day of the operating year.	3	1	3	1
b. Number entering program during the operating year.	6	2	3	2
c. Number who left the program during the operating year.	5	1	3	1
d. Number in the program on the last day of the operating year. (a+b-c=d)	4	2	3	2

3. Project Capacity.	Number of Singles Not in Families	Number of Adults in Families	Number of Children in Families	Number of Families
a. Number on last day (from 2d, columns 1 and 4)	4			2
4. Non-homeless persons. (Sec. 8 SRO projects only)				
How many income-eligible non-homeless persons were housed by the SRO program during the operating year?				15
5. Age and Gender. Of those who entered during the operating year, how many people are in the following age and gender categories?				
	Age	Male	Female	Other/Not given
Single Persons (from 2b, column 1)	a. 62 and over	1	0	0
	b. 51 - 61	0	1	0
	c. 31 - 50	1	1	0
	d. 18 - 30	0	1	0
	e. 17 and under	0	0	0
	Not given	1	0	0
Persons in Families (from 2b, columns 2 & 3)	f. 62 and over	0	0	0
	g. 51 - 61	0	0	0
	h. 31 - 50	0	2	0
	i. 18 - 30	0	0	0
	j. 13 - 17	0	1	0
	k. 6 - 12	1	0	0
	l. 1 - 5	0	1	0
	m. Under 1	0	0	0
	Not given	0	0	0
6 - 10. Participants who entered during the operating year.				
6a. Veterans Status.				
A veteran is anyone who has ever been on active military duty status.				2
6b. Chronically Homeless.				
How many participants were chronically homeless individuals?				2
7. Ethnicity.				
a. Hispanic or Latino				1

b. Non-Hispanic or Non-Latino	7	
8. Race.		
a. American Indian or Alaskan Native	0	
b. Asian	0	
c. Black or African American	1	
d. Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	0	
e. White	7	
f. American Indian/Alaskan Native & White	0	
g. Asian & White	0	
h. Black/African American & White	0	
i. American Indian/Alaskan Native & Black/African American	0	
j. Other Multi-Racial	0	
k. Other/Unknown (all that do not match)	0	
9a. Special Needs.		
	All	Chronic
a. Mental illness	1	1
b. Alcohol abuse	0	0
c. Drug abuse	0	0
d. HIV/AIDS or related diseases	0	0
e. Developmental disability	2	0
f. Physical disability	4	2
g. Domestic violence	0	0
h. Other (please specify)	0	0
9b. Disabled.		
How many of the participants are disabled?	6	
10. Prior Living Situation. Participants slept in the following places the week prior to entering.		
	All	Chronic
a. Non-housing (street, park, car, bus station, etc.)	1	1
b. Emergency shelter	3	0
c. Transitional housing for homeless persons	0	
d. Psychiatric facility	1	
e. Substance abuse treatment facility	0	
f. Hospital	0	
g. Jail/prison	0	

h. Domestic violence situation	0			
i. Living with relatives/friends	1			
j. Rental housing	0			
k. Other (please specify)	2			
11. Amount and Source of Monthly Income at Entry and Exit. Participants who left during the operating year.				
Amount	A. Monthly Income at Entry		B. Monthly Income at Exit	
	All	Chronic	All	Chronic
a. No Income	2	1	2	1
b. \$1-150	0	0	0	0
c. \$151 - \$250	0	0	0	0
d. \$251 - \$500	0	0	0	0
e. \$501 - \$1000	2	2	2	2
f. \$1001 - \$1500	0	0	0	0
g. \$1501 - \$2000	0	0	0	0
h. \$2000 +	2	0	2	0
Source	C. Income Sources at Entry		D. Income Sources at Exit	
	All	Chronic	All	Chronic
a. Supplemental Security Income (SSI)	1	1	1	1
b. Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI)	0	0	0	0
c. Social Security	0	0	0	0
d. General Public Assistance	0	0	0	0
e. Temporary Aid to Needy Families (TANF)	0	0	0	0
f. State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP)	0	0	0	0
g. Veterans benefits	1	1	1	1
h. Employment Income	2	0	2	0
i. Unemployment Benefits	0	0	0	0
j. Veteran's Health Care	0	0	0	0
k. Medicaid	0	0	0	0
l. Food Stamps	1	0	1	0
m. Other (please specify)	2	0	2	0
n. No financial resources	2	1	2	1

12a. Length of Stay in Program. Participants who left during the operating year.		
	All	Chronic
a. Less than 1 month	5	2
b. 1 to 2 months	0	0
c. 3 - 6 months	1	1
d. 7 months - 12 months	0	0
e. 13 months - 24 months	0	0
f. 25 months - 3 years	0	0
g. 4 years - 5 years	0	0
h. 6 years - 7 years	0	0
i. 8 years - 10 years	0	0
j. over 10 years	0	0
12b. Length of Stay in Program. Participants who did not leave during the operating year.		
	All	Chronic
a. Less than 1 month	4	0
b. 1 to 2 months	0	0
c. 3 - 6 months	2	0
d. 7 months - 12 months	0	0
e. 13 months - 24 months	0	0
f. 25 months - 3 years	0	0
g. 4 years - 5 years	0	0
h. 6 years - 7 years	0	0
i. 8 years - 10 years	0	0
j. over 10 years	0	0
13. Reasons for Leaving. Participants who left during the operating year.		
	All	Chronic
a. Left for a housing opportunity before completing program	0	0
b. Completed program	6	3
c. Non-payment of rent/occupancy charge	0	0
d. Non-compliance with project	0	0
e. Criminal activity / destruction of property / violence	0	0
f. Reached maximum time allowed in project	0	0
g. Needs could not be met by project	0	0
h. Disagreement with rules/persons	0	0

i. Death		0	0	
j. Other (please specify)		0	0	
k. Unknown/disappeared		0	0	
14. Destination. Participants who left during the operating year.				
		All	Chronic	
PERMANENT (a - h)	a. Rental house or apartment (no subsidy)	1	0	
	b. Public Housing	0	0	
	c. Section 8	0	0	
	d. Shelter Plus Care	0	0	
	e. HOME subsidized house or apartment	0	0	
	f. Other subsidized house or apartment	1	1	
	g. Homeownership	0	0	
	h. Moved in with family or friends	0	0	
TRANSITIONAL (i - j)	i. Transitional housing for homeless persons	1	1	
	j. Moved in with family or friends	0	0	
INSTITUTION (k - m)	k. Psychiatric hospital	0	0	
	l. Inpatient alcohol/drug treatment facility	0	0	
	m. Jail/prison	0	0	
EMERGENCY SHELTER (n)	n. Emergency shelter	1	1	
OTHER (o - q)	o. Other supportive housing	0	0	
	p. Places not meant for human habitation (e.g. street)	0	0	
	q. Other (please specify)	0	0	
UNKNOWN	r. Unknown	2	0	
15. Supportive Services. Participants who left during the operating year.				
NOTE: The below services were given to participants who left during the operating year. Add the following counts into the appropriate category for question 15.				
	Service	Service Code	All	Chronic
1.	Housing Counseling	BH-3700	1	1
2.	Veteran Homes	BH-8400.9000	1	1